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Subject: RE: Wilcox Refinery Superfund Site and ODOT Project 29217(04) EW-815 aka 8th St. over Sand Creek, Creek Co., Bristow
Date: Monday, October 19, 2015 2:03:30 PM

I was just informed they are expecting to remove the work road this Thursday 10/22. I will let you all know if anything changes. Thanks.

From: Jeff Pearl
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2015 9:22 AM
To: katrina higgins-coltrain; Brittain, Amy (Amy.Brittain@deq.ok.gov); Todd Downham (todd.downham@deq.ok.gov)
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Subject: RE: Wilcox Refinery Superfund Site and ODOT Project 29217(04) EW-815 aka 8th St. over Sand Creek, Creek Co., Bristow

I was just informed they do not expect to remove the work road for another week or so. I will touch base with them early next week and keep you all posted. Call with questions.

From: Jeff Pearl
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2015 3:01 PM
To: katrina higgins-coltrain; Brittain, Amy (Amy.Brittain@deq.ok.gov); Todd Downham (todd.downham@deq.ok.gov)
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All –

My last understanding was work is expected to occur later this week, not likely before Wednesday. I'll keep you posted. Thanks, and call with questions.

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From: Jeff Pearl
Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2015 4:14 PM
To: katrina higgins-coltrain; Brittain, Amy (Amy.Brittain@deq.ok.gov)
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Katrina and Amy –

ODOT understands evidence of potential contamination was observed at the above Creek County bridge project, for which ODOT is providing administrative oversight and support due to the use of federal funds. Apparent oily material was reportedly observed during installation of the toe ditch for rip rap being placed on the east stream bank, just north of the bridge. Discussions with on-site workers indicate no such material has been observed elsewhere on the project, and that it appears to be limited to the toe/bottom of the stream bank in that area.

As discussed yesterday, due to the short time frame remaining in the referenced project, we plan to move forward with the project, adjusting the work to avoid any further disturbance of the toe/bottom of the stream bank. The construction folks have indicated the two remaining activities of potential concern are the removal of the work road and the subsequent placement of rip rap in that area. Regarding the work road, the contractor is already required to only remove material placed for the temporary work road. The importance of doing so will be emphasized and closely monitored in the field. Regarding the toe ditch, the design/construction engineers were consulted and have indicated the slope in that area is adequate to place the rip rap without the toe ditch. Therefore, the potential for additional disturbance of the material in question will be minimized.

As an additional precautionary measure, a qualified spill response contractor will be on-site during the above activities, and will deploy a downstream boom as a precaution. The work area and the stream will be monitored for evidence of contamination. If detected, construction activities will be suspended and the changed condition assessed using appropriate field screening methods. Additional sorbent pads, booms, etc. will be deployed as needed to prevent downstream migration. No construction activities will continue in the area of potentially impacted material until an appropriate course of action to address the condition can be developed and discussed with all concerned parties, including EPA and DEQ.

Also as discussed, I understand the right of way in this area is owned by Creek County. Therefore, we have consulted with the County and advised them of the above approach. We have also discussed their potential responsibility moving forward, such as cooperating with EPA and DEQ to the extent that notice may need to be placed in the County file advising of the potential effect on future work in this area. Also, an access agreement will likely be needed to allow EPA and DEQ to collect and analyze samples from the County's right of way.

My understanding is the work road is scheduled to be removed next week. I will follow up with on-site personnel and will provide a firm start date once established.

As always, please feel free to call if you have any questions, comments, concerns, etc. We truly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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